

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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AND EXPRESSION SYSTEM USING THE SAME**  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 5, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this document.